Celebrating the Life of

Harold Redic

Sunrise
AUGUST 12, 1939

Sunset
DECEMBER 17, 2021

SERVICE HELD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

PASTOR ULIS G. REDIC, OFFICIANT

Harold Redic

Harold Redic was born to Ulis and Gustorvia Redic in Prescott, Arkansas on August 12, 1939, and was the second eldest of four brothers. Although they visited their hometown regularly, the family moved to Richmond, California in 1944 where they grew up as a tightly-knit and loving family. Having lost his father at a very young age, his mother worked diligently to raise his eldest brother, Joel, as well as his younger brothers, Luther and Ulis Jerold (Jerry), as well as his uncle, Jewel. The family joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond where they were active in their church community.

Harold attended Stege Elementary School, Portola Junior High and El Cerrito High School and proved to be very athletic, as he really enjoyed playing on the basketball and football teams, though playing on the baseball teams was his favorite. After graduating from high school, Harold went on to enroll at San Francisco State University, and during his college years, he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Psi Chapter in 1960. He also married his high school sweetheart, Vera Battle, on August 21, 1960. Harold and Vera lived in Richmond and to this union happily welcomed two children, Timiza Redic (Johnson) in 1969 and Hasani Redic in 1973.

Harold left San Francisco State and joined the United States Army in 1964 where he served 5 years as a Cryptographer. Upon being honorably discharged, he returned to school at Contra Costa College for a short period before eventually graduating from California State University, Hayward with a degree in Business Administration.

Harold served as a Jailer with the Richmond Police Department and when he completed college he became one of three Black Sergeants with the department, breaking the glass ceiling and paving the way for those who would come after him. Harold went on to be a very active and engaging pillar of the Richmond Community, where he was well known in every neighborhood! He also proved himself to be a man well ahead of his time by serving as a Community Relations Officer and working with many Neighborhood Councils and performing community policing before these concepts were popularized by current social movements!

In 1973, he was on loan to the St. Louis Police Department in East St. Louis for one year where he supported their Department and was awarded an opportunity to teach a criminology class at the nearby University of Missouri, which he loved!

He returned to Richmond where he continued to work for the Richmond Police Department and later went on to work for the Housing and Urban Development, which he thoroughly enjoyed, especially since the position provided him an opportunity to serve the community in a completely different capacity. While serving in his position at HUD, Harold availed himself of yet another opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of youth through part-time work as a Juvenile Probation Officer at Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall. Harold frequently loved sharing wonderful stories about his experiences watching some of these youth grow into successful adults, many of whom would warm his heart through acknowledging how his positive influence was key to their improved life outcomes.

Upon retirement, he maintained contact with many that he had mentored over the years, as well as with friends and coworkers from the Police Department, HUD and Contra Costa County. He continued activities that he loved, which included traveling, being with friends and family, working in the garden, walking his dog, exercising and just keeping busy because we know he couldn't sit still for long. He also enjoyed spending quality time with the children at Ygnacio Valley Christian School, where he lovingly maintained the yard for all to enjoy. He continued to have a lifelong love of reading, learning, music, cars, sports, loving his family and helping people. He will be forever cherished for his sincere belief in living his life in service to all.

Harold received Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord in 2018.

On Friday December 17th, Harold went home to be with the Lord and is survived by his daughter, Timiza (Redic) Johnson and son-in-law, Christopher Johnson, both of Richmond, California, his son, Hasani Redic of Antioch, California, grandchildren, Tanner Redic of Sacramento, California, Erika Johnson, Ciaran Johnson and Ava Johnson, all of Richmond, California, and bonus grandchildren, Marsalis Johnson of Oakland, California, and Mariah Johnson of Berkeley, California. He also leaves to cherish his memory his long-time companion, Paula Frost, and her daughter and granddaughter, Cesley Frost and Nariyah, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.